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## **Governor Appoints Karen Holliday to Banking Review Board**

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed Karen Holliday of Belden, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Board of Banking Review for a five-year term. Holliday, representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Court District position, began the term on August 24, 2001, and will serve through March 23, 2006.

“Ms. Holliday’s experience in the financial community is extensive and will serve her well in this position,” Musgrove said. “She has proven herself more than capable through her educational and professional career.”

Holliday, a Tupelo-based financial writer, has written for many of the top financial magazines, including Banking Strategies, Financial Executive, U. S. Banker and Bank Marketing. She currently is a contributing editor for ABA Banking Journal magazine, the monthly magazine of the American Bankers Association.

She has been awarded several fellowships in the financial services field, including The Life and Health Insurance Foundation Fellowship at the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; the American Bankers Association Fellowship at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking; the National Press Foundation Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking; and the National Press Foundation Finance / Economics Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

A regular guest on Mississippi ETV’s “Mississippi Business Today,” Holliday has been honored as one of Mississippi’s 50 Leading Business Women, as one of Mississippi’s “Top 40 Under 40,” and as a U. S. Small Business Administration Mississippi Media Advocate.

Holliday is active in her community, having served on several boards including the Good Samaritan Free Clinic, United Way of Northeast Mississippi, Northeast Mississippi Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. She is a 1994 graduate of Leadership Mississippi and a 1990 graduate of Leadership Lee County.

After receiving a 1982 magna cum laude degree from the University of Mississippi, Holliday earned her master’s degree in journalism from Louisiana State University in 1987.